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Louisiana 2009 Crop Acreage and Production

Early season drought conditions followed by excessive rains during harvest did not have much of an impact on yields. Rice set a new record yield, while soybean and sugarcane yields reached the second highest levels ever. On the down side, Louisiana's 2009 cotton planted acreage was the lowest on record for the state.

Cotton production is estimated at 340,000 bales, up 21 percent from 2008. The 2009 planted acreage was estimated at 230,000 acres, down 23 percent from the previous year. An estimated 225,000 acres were harvested, down four percent from 2008. Yield per acre was 725 pounds, up 149 pounds from 2008.

Sugarcane production for sugar and seed in the state is estimated at 13.2 million net tons, up 15 percent from 2008. Production for sugar is estimated at 12.1 million net tons, and production for seed is estimated at 1.1 million net tons. An estimated 425,000 total acres were harvested, up five percent from 2008. An estimated 390,000 acres were harvested for sugar and the remaining 35,000 acres for seed. Net yield for both sugar and seed is estimated at 31.0 net tons per acre, up 2.7 net tons from the 2008 yield.

Louisiana's soybean production is estimated at 36.7 million bushels, up 17 percent from 2008. Total planted acreage was 1,020,000 acres, down three percent from 2008. Louisiana farmers harvested an estimated 940,000 acres, down one percent from the previous year. Yield was set at 39 bushels per acre, up six bushels from the previous year.

Louisiana's all rice production is estimated at 29.2 million cwt, up eight percent from 2008. Production of long grain varieties is estimated at 25.9 million cwt, and production of medium grain varieties is estimated at 3.3 million cwt. The planted and harvested acreages for 2009 were 470,000 and 464,000 acres, respectively, both the same as 2008. The statewide yield averaged 6,300 pounds per acre, up 470 pounds from 2008. This is the highest recorded yield in the state's history.

Production of **corn for grain** in the state is estimated at 80.5 million bushels, up ten percent from 2008. The 2009 planted acreage was estimated at 630,000 acres, up 21 percent from the previous year. An estimated 610,000 acres were harvested, up 20 percent from 2008. Yield per acre was set at 132 bushels, down 12 bushels from the previous year.

Production of **sorghum for grain** in Louisiana is estimated at 5.3 million bushels, compared to 9.6 million in 2008. Total planted acreage was estimated at 70,000 acres, of which 65,000 acres were harvested for grain. This is the lowest planted and harvested acres since 1980 when the state planted 32,000 acres and harvested 14,000 acres. Yield per acre, at 82 bushels, was down five bushels from 2008.

Louisiana's sweet potato production is estimated at 1.6 million cwt, up 47 percent from 2008. An estimated 14,000 acres were planted in 2009, down seven percent from 2008. Harvested acreage was estimated at 12,000 acres, up nine percent from the previous year. The statewide yield averaged 135 cwt per acre, up 35 cwt from 2008.

All hay production in Louisiana 2009 is estimated at 1.1 million tons, down one percent from 2008. An estimated 380,000 acres were harvested in 2009, down 12 percent from the previous year. Yield was 2.8 tons per acre, up 0.3 ton from 2008.

Louisiana: Acreage, Yield and Production, 2009, with Comparisons

CROP	HARVESTED ACRES (000)		YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	PRODUCTION (000)	
	2008	2009	2008	2009		2008	2009
Corn for grain	510	610	144	132	bushels	73,440	80,520
Corn, Silage	5	3	14	13	tons	70	39
Rice, all	464	464	5,830	6,300	lbs: cwt	27,037	29,217
Rice, Long Grain	450	410	5,820	6,320	lbs: cwt	26,190	25,912
Rice, Medium	14	54	6,050	6,120	lbs: cwt	847	3,305
Upland Cotton	234	225	576	725	lbs: bales	281	340
Sorghum for grain	110	65	87	82	bushels	9,570	5,330
Sorghum, Silage	1	1	10	11	tons	10	11
Soybeans	950	940	33	39	bushels	31,350	36,660
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	405	425	28.3	31	net tons	11,462	13,175
Sugarcane, Sugar	380	390	28.3	31	net tons	10,754	12,090
Sugarcane, Seed	25	35	28.3	31	net tons	708	1,085
Sweet Potatoes	11	12	100	135	cwt	1,100	1,620
Hay, all	430	380	2.5	2.8	tons	1,075	1,064

United States: Acreage, Yield and Production, 2009, with Comparisons

CROP	HARVESTED ACRES (000)		YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	PRODUCTION (000)	
	2008	2009	2008	2009		2008	2009
Corn for grain	78,570	79,630	153.9	165.2	bushels	12,091,648	13,151,062
Corn, Silage	5,965	5,605	18.7	19.3	tons	111,619	108,209
Rice, all	2,976	3,103	6,846	7,085	lbs: cwt	203,733	219,850
Rice, Long Grain	2,350	2,265	6,522	6,743	lbs: cwt	153,257	152,725
Rice, Medium	575	786	8,203	8,052	lbs: cwt	47,166	63,291
Upland Cotton	7,400	7,552	803	763	lbs: bales	12,385	12,011
Sorghum for grain	7,271	5,520	65.0	69.4	bushels	472,342	382,983
Sorghum, Silage	408	254	13.8	14.5	tons	5,646	3,680
Soybeans	74,681	76,407	39.7	44.0	bushels	2,967,007	3,361,028
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	868	877.7	31.8	34.5	net tons	27,603	30,265
Sugarcane, Sugar	821.6	820.7	31.8	34.6	net tons	26,131	28,395
Sugarcane, Seed	46.4	57.0	31.7	32.8	net tons	1,472	1,870
Sweet Potatoes	97.3	97.7	190	201	cwt	18,443	19,647
Hay, all	60,152	59,755	2.43	2.47	tons	146,270	147,442

Louisiana Grain Stocks

Corn stocks stored off-farm on December 1, 2009, at 28.8 million bushels, were up five percent from December 1, 2008. On-farm stocks for Louisiana are not published separately but are included in the U.S. total.

Soybeans stocks stored off-farm on December 1, 2009, totaled 12.6 million bushels, down 17 percent from December 1, 2008. On-farm stocks for Louisiana are not published separately but are included in the U.S. total.

All wheat stocks stored off-farm on December 1, 2009, totaled 7.5 million bushels, up 29 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks for Louisiana are not published separately but are included in the U.S. total.

Louisiana and U.S. Grain Stocks, December 1, 2009

Item	Louisiana ¹		United States	
	December 1		December 1	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
	-----Thousand Bushels-----		-----Thousand Bushels-----	
Corn				
On-Farm			6,482,000	7,445,000
Off-Farm ²	<u>27,350</u>	<u>28,798</u>	<u>3,590,106</u>	<u>3,488,676</u>
Total			10,072,106	10,933,676
Sorghum				
On-Farm			54,400	48,000
Off-Farm ²	<u>3/</u>	<u>4,299</u>	<u>243,290</u>	<u>202,295</u>
Total			297,690	250,295
Soybeans				
On-Farm			1,189,000	1,231,500
Off-Farm ²	<u>15,256</u>	<u>12,614</u>	<u>1,086,432</u>	<u>1,105,180</u>
Total			2,275,432	2,336,680
All-Wheat				
On-Farm			454,000	558,800
Off-Farm ²	<u>5,821</u>	<u>7,484</u>	<u>968,089</u>	<u>1,206,418</u>
Total			1,422,089	1,765,218

¹ Louisiana on farm stocks and total stocks not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

² Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

³ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operation.

Louisiana Rice Stocks

Date	On Farm	Off Farm ¹	Total All Positions
	(Domestic Units – 1,000 Cwt)		
	<u>Rough Rice</u>		
December 1, 2008	7,100	6,064	13,164
March 1, 2009	1,650	3,726	5,376
June 1, 2009	350	2,178	2,528
December 1, 2009	9,000	7,900	16,900

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports and in transit.

Louisiana Rice Stocks

Rough rice stocks in all positions on December 1, 2009, totaled 16.9 million cwt, up 28 percent from the total on December 1, 2008. On-farm stocks of rice were estimated at 9.0 million cwt, compared to 7.1 million the previous year. Off-farm stocks totaled 7.9 million cwt, up 30 percent from last year.

United States Rice Stocks

Date	On Farm	Off Farm ¹	Total All Positions
	(Domestic Units – 1,000 Cwt)		
	<u>Rough Rice</u>		
December 1, 2008	47,530	91,071	138,601
March 1, 2009	21,286	70,042	91,328
June 1, 2009	6,920	41,446	48,366
December 1, 2009	51,880	104,726	156,606
	<u>Milled Rice</u>		
December 1, 2008	---	5,255	5,255
March 1, 2009	---	4,732	4,732
June 1, 2009	---	5,724	5,724
December 1, 2009	---	5,679	5,679

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports and in transit.

Winter Wheat Seedings

Louisiana farmers planted an estimated 140,000 acres of winter wheat for 2010, down 24 percent from the previous year. United States winter wheat planted area for harvest in 2010 is estimated at 37.1 million acres, down 14 percent from 2009 and the lowest since 1913. Seeding began last August and by mid-September was behind the five-year average. The late row crop harvest and wet weather delayed planting in most states. The winter wheat crop condition at the end of November was rated 64 percent good to excellent compared with 65 percent the previous year.

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Winter Wheat Seedings

Selected States	Area Planted			
	2008	2009	2010	2010/2009
	-----1,000 Acres-----			Percent
Arkansas	1,070	430	200	47
Kansas	9,600	9,300	8,600	92
Louisiana	400	185	140	76
Mississippi	520	180	120	67
Texas	5,800	6,400	5,400	84
United States	46,307	43,311	37,097	86

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